



GetSET Women News

Welcome again to the GetSET Women newsletter.

Please do keep telling friends and colleagues about GetSET Women – the 2,000th member with a live profile will be in for a super prize. And please contact us at info@getsetwomen.org if you have any comments – good and bad – or any news you want to share with other members of the community.

GetSET Women Blog

Our guest blogger for the next two weeks is Rosie Plummer – a scientist-turned-administrator, supporting research careers. There is already some interesting debate about the importance of female role models and coaching and mentoring for women. Join in at:

<http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/women-and-girls/getsetwomen-blog/>

Member news

News from Margaret Ajibode

There is a great article in the Hindu newspaper in India about GetSET Women member Margaret Ajibode. Margaret is a Winston Churchill Fellow travelling to India, the United States and Australia, and is on a mission to promote engineering as a profession among women.

<http://www.hinduonnet.com/mp/2009/10/08/stories/2009100850150100.htm>

News from Nora Vyas

Nora recently received the Fulbright Distinguished Scholar Award 2010-11 by the Fulbright Commission. The award will enable Nora to continue her research on early onset psychosis i.e. onset of psychotic symptoms before the age of 18.

<http://www.iop.kcl.ac.uk/staff/profile/default.aspx?go=11900&local=True>

UKRC news

UKRC launches new journal on gender and SET

The first issue of the new online journal which has been produced in partnership between the UKRC and the Open University: The International Journal of Gender, Science and Technology (IJGST) is now available at

<http://genderandset.open.ac.uk/index.php/genderandset>

Innovative and Collaborative Grants Scheme winners announced

The UKRC has invested more than £86,000 in partner scheme to help boost schemes focusing on supporting women in SET and changing organisational culture.

Ten initiatives with partner organisations across the country have been funded through its Innovative and Collaborative Grants Scheme. A full list of the awards is available here:

http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/news/?news_id=615

New web page for women facing discrimination or harassment at work

A list of helpful organisations can now be found on our website at:

<http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/women-and-girls/your-rights-at-work/>

Please do let us know if there are any organisations you think we ought to add.

UK and Korea Women in Science, Engineering and Technology Project

The UKRC invites you to attend the 2009 Korea-UK Female Scientists Forum to be held on

5 November 2009, 9.00am - 4.30pm, Church House Conference Centre, London.
This event will be of interest to Korean scientists studying or working in the UK and those that hold a specialist interest in nano-bio science and technology.

http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event_id=1406

Requests for help

Volunteer needed to conduct Chemistry experiments in schools in Luton

Challney Girls High School and Dame Alice Harpur School for Girls are seeking a role model to take part in Chemistry at work events on 4 December and / or March – with a focus on promoting chemistry for girls.

www.chemistryatwork.com

Public appointments

Construction Skills (formerly Construction Industry Training Board)

Seeking a Chair, based in London, 2 Days per week, remuneration : £22,500 per year

Closing date: 30 October 2009

http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/services-for-women/public-appointments/current-opportunities/?vacancy_id=308

Yorkshire Arms Length Management Organisation (ALMO)

ALMO manages approximately 21,000 council houses and they are seeking three new independent members to join their board. Closing date: 31 October 2009

http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/services-for-women/public-appointments/current-opportunities/?vacancy_id=311

Public appointment vacancies are updated regularly on the UKRC website:

<http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/women-and-girls/public-appointments/current-opportunities/>

Awards and Grants

PhD Studentship in Science Communication at the University of the West of England

A motivated natural science/social science/science communication graduate is wanted to undertake an interdisciplinary research project focusing on science communication to start in January 2010. Closing date: November 12 2009.

http://info.uwe.ac.uk/hr/vacancies/job_details.asp?ref=HLS/PHD

PhD Collaborative Studentship, researching public engagement and understanding of science at the Darwin Centre

Sponsored by King's College London and the Natural History Museum. Closing date: December 30, 2009

<http://www.jobs.ac.uk/job/AAD968/collaborative-studentship/>

The Council for Assisting Refugee Academics (CARA) Grants Scheme

CARA's bi-annual grants aim to enable refugee academics to achieve employment in the UK at a level commensurate with their skills and experience in the long term. Grants can support refugee academics to re-qualify in a range of professions in the UK such as teaching, academia, engineering, law, the charity sector and medicine. Closing date: 13 December

<http://www.academic-refugees.org/refugee-academic-grants.asp>

Events and Training

29 October, 7pm, the Natural History Museum

Six-Legged Wonders, a special late night opening of the brand new Attenborough Studio.

<http://www.nhm.ac.uk/visit-us/whats-on/events/event.html?key=22399&date=07.10.2009>

29 October 2009, Lend Lease 19 Hanover Square, London, W1S 1HY

Women and Manual Trades (WAMT) AGM

Please contact l.ramsden@wamt.org if you wish to attend or visit: <http://www.wamt.org/>

From 2 November

National Pathology Week

This year it is focussing on the central role of all pathology specialties in the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and monitoring of heart disease.

You can follow events on twitter: www.twitter.com/ilovepathology or view events in your area on www.nationalpathologyweek.org

6 November, 10am to 3pm, the Life Conference Centre, Newcastle

Women's National Commission - The United Nations Women's Agenda International Event

<http://www.thewnc.org.uk/work-of-the-wnc/international-articles/csw.html>

10 November

Prospects Virtual Recruitment Fair for the IT, engineering, science and technology sectors

If you are already registered with Prospects you can reserve your place at:

http://www.prospectsonline.com/cms/ShowPage/Home_page/Main_Menu_Products_and_services/Prospects_Virtual_Fairs/p!eFjdLpa or you can register to join Prospects (the graduate careers website) at: http://www.prospectsonline.ac.uk/cms/ShowPage/Home_page/p!eLaXi

10 November, 10am to 3pm, Holiday Inn Cardiff City

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12 November 2009, Oxford

Science Oxford 4 Women peer mentoring

Facilitator-led sessions will run from Thursday 12th November and then every second Thursday of the month until Sept 2010. <http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/services-for-women/mentoring/peer-mentoring/current-peer-mentoring-opportunities/>

13 November, 9:00am - 5:00pm, BioPark Hertfordshire, Welwyn Garden City

Surviving as a woman in science, Euroscicon

Cost: from £99.00 + VAT with 80% off for GetSET Women members.

Focussing on Career development for women at all stages of their career and life

http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event_id=996

14-15 November, Barcelo Edinburgh Carlton Hotel

Doris Day Conference

The inaugural Doris Gray student conference presented by the Women's Engineering Society will connect women engineering and technology students from across the UK with employers. Bursaries are available for all students in Scotland; and for others in financial need.

<http://www.jconferences.co.uk/wes/>

16 November, 7.30pm, the Natural History Museum

Annual Science Lecture 2009 - The Value of Nature

<http://www.nhm.ac.uk/visit-us/whats-on/events/event.html?key=22435&date=16.11.2009>

17 November, 6-7pm, Wellcome Collection Conference Centre, 183 Euston Road, London

The Academy of Medical Sciences International Health Lecture 2009, Malaria elimination: feasible or futile?

Admission is free, but you need to register:

<http://www.acmedsci.ac.uk/index.php?pid=43&evid=121>

17 November, The Linnean Society of London, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London

The Galapagos Archipelago: A Living Laboratory

The meeting will demonstrate the breadth and depth of research taking place in Galapagos and how Galapagos is still teaching the world so much today.

<http://www.linnean.org/fileadmin/events2/events.php?detail=173>

20 November, 10.30am – 3.30pm, Dundee University

Building collaborations and networking in research

A free joint career development event between the Scottish Resource Centre for Women in SET and Vitae

Please contact src@napier.ac.uk

24 November 2009, 10.00am – 4.00pm, UKRC workshop, held at the Medical Research Council, London W1

Sharing Good Practice in Gender Equality in Science, Engineering & Technology

A Practical Workshop for Research Councils, Research Institutes and Higher Education Institutions. Aimed at Equality & Diversity Managers, HR Advisers and Managers, Research Career Development & Training Officers and Workplace Champions.

http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event_id=1529

25 and 26 November 2009, 10.00am – 4pm, University of Reading

Starting your own business - planning for success

A free two-day intensive workshop with UKRC and Business Link South East aimed at women who have a SET-related business idea.

Open to women living in the South East (outside London). Please book a place with Ann Clark at ann.clark@reading.ac.uk or call 0118 378 4791.

26 November, 10am to 3pm, the Menzies Glasgow Hotel, 27 Washington Street, Glasgow
Women's National Commission - The United Nations Women's Agenda International Event

<http://www.thewnc.org.uk/work-of-the-wnc/international-articles/csw.html>

3 December, 2009

Olympic site tour

Women and Manual Trades (WAMT) have secured 30 places for a tour of the Olympic site followed by a presentation on the Women into Construction project.

Application forms need to be completed by Friday 6th November. Please note that only one person from each guest organisation may attend. Please email l.ramsden@wamt.org by 6th November.

14 December, 10am to 3pm, Central Hall Westminster, London

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February 22-26, 2010, Bristol

Science Communication Masterclass

The University of the West of England's Science Communication Masterclass is a five day intensive course created to provide professional development in science communication. The closing date for registration is Friday 21st December 2009. There has already been a lot of interest however, so you are advised to register as early as possible to ensure a place.

<http://www.scu.uwe.ac.uk/index.php?q=node/81>

And finally...

The Vega Science Trust Diversity project

In January 2009 this new EU project looking at ways of improving gender diversity in materials science was launched. The project is looking at ways of strengthening and encouraging the number of women material scientists in decision making and management positions. Videos of the progress of the project will be regularly added here:

<http://vega.org.uk/video/programme/238>